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Subject of discussion in preparation for Examiner Interview for Application Serial Number 09/342,742 at 1:00 pm Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004:

Discussion will focus on differences between claimed invention and teachings of Abe and Hanson. Applicant would suggest to amend independent claims to include additional limitations as shown in proposed claim 1 below. To the extent that the examiner feels that the additional limitations of claim 1 are also taught/suggested by the prior art, discussion will focus on where such teachings occur in the record, and how the present invention differs from such teachings. Additionally, advantages of present invention will be distinguished from teaching of prior art, for example, by comparing how each system would handle issues such as those presented on page 10 of the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for providing dynamic feedback control of network elements in a data network, the data network including a plurality of network elements, each of said network elements having a plurality operating parameters associated therewith, said operating parameters being related to at least one control parameter of said element, said method comprising:

receiving information relating to an operation of a first subset of the plurality of network elements;

providing at least a portion of said received information to at least one analysis entity for analyzing said portion of received data and calculating updated control information based on such analysis, wherein the updated control information specifies an adjustment amount to a control parameter of the at least one network element to thereby effect reconfiguration of at least one operating parameter of the network element;

receiving the updated control information calculated by the analysis entity; and

providing the updated control information to at least one of the network elements.

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